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FM AMCONSUL ISTANBUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7024

ING RUQMGU/AEMBASSY ANKARA 8458

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, TU

SUBJ: BOMBING INCIDENT IN ISTANBUL

1. WITHIN A TWO HOUR PERIOD ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 19, FOUR BOMBS EXPLODED IN WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS OF ISTANBUL, REPORTEDLY CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, FIRST DEVICE EXPLODED AT AROUND 21:30 IN BASEMN OF POLICE STATION IN FATIH AREA CITY. SECOND EXPLOSION OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTERWARD AT POLICE BUILDING IN KUMPAKI, SECTION OF ISTANBUL WHERE POPULATION HEAVILY ARMENIAN. THIRD AND FOURTH BOMBS WENT OFF AROUND 23:00 AT IS BANK IN GAYRETTEPE AND IN GARAGE OF APARTMENT HOUSE IN NISANTASI, FASHIONABLE AREA WHERE MANY FOREIGN CONSULATES LOCATED.

2. POLICE HAVE NO FIRM INFORMATION ON GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENTS; HOWEVER, FEB 20 PRESS STATE SEVERAL NEWS AGENCIES RECEIVED CALLS FROM "MARKSIST LENINIST" INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING BOMBINGS INTENDED TO COMMEMORATE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY DEATH OF ULAS BARDAKCI. BARDAKCI WAS MEMBER OF "MAHIR CAYAN CELL" OF FORMER TURKISH PEOPLE'S LIBERATION PARTY AND PART OF GROUP ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING AND MURDERING ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL IN MAY 1971.

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BARDAKCI WAS KILLED IN 1972 IN RAID BY POLICE SHARPSHOOTERS.

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## Message Attributes

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